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Sir:

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- 1. Schroeder et al., "Code-Excited Linear Prediction (CELP): High-Quality Speech at Very Low Bit Rates", *Proc. of IEEE Int. Conf. on Acoust., Speech and Signal Processing*, 1985, pp. 937-940.
- 2. "Digital Cellular Telecommunication System; Adaptive Multi-Rate Speech Transcoding", *ETSI Technical Report*, GSM 06.90 version 2.0.0., January 1999.
- 3. Rabiner et al., "Digital Processing of Speech Signals", *Prentice-Hall, Inc.*, 1978, pp. 396-419.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.



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